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DOD FOR SECRETARY SCHLESINGER; STATE FOR EUR/WE FOR  
AMBASSADOR GOULD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, NL, US, ENRG

SUBJ: US ASSISTANCE FOR NETHERLANDS AIR FORCE REFUELING  
REQUIREMENTS

1. MINISTER OF DEFENSE VREDELING TELEPHONED CHARGE MORNING  
DECEMBER 3 TO EXPRESS HIS VERY WARM THANKS TO SECRETARY  
SCHLESINGER FOR THE OFFER CONVEYED BY GENERAL JONES OF  
US AIR FORCE FACILITIES IN THE FRG AND UK TO REFUEL ROYAL  
NETHERLANDS AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT. THIS OFFER HAD BEEN  
GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED, VREDELING SAID. HE THOUGHT IT BEST  
NOT RPT NOT TO GIVE IT ANY PUBLICITY.

2. VREDELING CONTINUED THAT FRG MINISTER OF DEFENSE  
NEVER HAD MADE A PARALLEL OFFER FOR REFUELING FROM ITS  
OWN AIR BASES, WHICH THE GON WOULD ALSO MAKE USE OF.  
VREDELING ADDED THAT AS REGARDS BUNKERING REQUIREMENTS  
FOR NETHERLANDS NAVY SHIPS, HE DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WAS  
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ANY NEED FOR US ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME. HE UNDERSTOOD

THAT THERE WERE SOME TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES RE BUNKERING IN UK PORTS, WHERE THE CHARGES WERE ALSO MORE EXPENSIVE. VREDELING LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT THESE DID NOT CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

3. VREDELING HOPES THERE WOULD BE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AT LEAST A BRIEF PRIVATE MEETING WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER DURING THE DPC MEETING ON DECEMBER 7, TO ENABLE HIM TO REITERATE HIS THANKS PERSONALLY TO THE SECRETARY.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY APPLAUDS THIS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF US DETERMINATION TO ASSIST ITS DUTCH ALLY WITH PRACTICAL ACTIONS WHERE HELP IS MOST NEEDED. WE ENDORSE VREDELING'S SUGGESTION FOR A BILATERAL MEETING WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW IN DISCUSSING MUTUAL CONCERNs SUCH AS BURDEN SHARING. FURTHERMORE, WE WOULD JUDGE THAT A NEW MEETING WITH THE US SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WOULD ENHANCE VREDELING'S PRESTIGE WITHIN THE CABINET AND SIGNAL TO THE DUTCH PUBLIC THAT THE US INTENDS TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH GON REPRESENTATIVES IN COPING WITH COMMON PROBLEMS BROUGHT ON BY THE OIL BOYCOTT AND THE NEW SOVIET CHALLENGE TO NATO SOLIDARITY.

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